

## MEMORANDUM #M16-012

TO: Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Dean R. Bostrom, Executive Director  
John Giacalone, Director of Park Services / Development & Risk Mgt.  
**SUBJECT: Emergency backstop replacement**  
DATE: January 21, 2016

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### **Background**

On November 21, 2015 we experienced a substantial snow storm resulting in very wet and heavy accumulated snow. The heavy wet snow was enough to collapse the arched backstop at Canterbury Park. See the attached picture.

### **Implications**

Upon discovery of the collapsed backstop staff submitted a claim to PDRMA. PDRMA sent out an adjuster who verified the loss. That same snow storm also collapsed 6 – 8 other backstops at other park districts all under PDRMA's insurance. PDRMA secured competitive pricing to repair the failed backstops. Our backstop was assigned a value of \$24,277.00 with the replacement being completed by Northern Illinois Fence Co. In conversations with Northern Illinois Fence they feel if they can start on the replacement as soon as possible they will have the replacement completed by the start of the 2016 spring baseball season. Canterbury Park is a programmed baseball field and is needed for the 2016 season. The tight time line is why we are coming directly to the board and not going through committee. PDRMA has assigned a value of the backstop at \$24,277.00

PDRMA has issued us a check for \$18,421.60 which is the value of the backstop less depreciation of \$4,855.40. Once the replacement is completed we submit the completed invoice to PDRMA and they will then release the depreciation check of \$4,855.40 resulting in a total payment to replace the back stop of \$23,277.00. The park district is responsible for the \$1,000.00 deductible.

### **Recommendations**

Staff recommends awarding a contract to Northern Illinois Fence in the amount of \$24,277.00 for the replacement of the Canterbury Park backstop.

